

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in each telephone exchange of Banaskantha region as on date in Gujarat, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided in the said region during the last three years and till date; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Total 14380 persons are on the waiting list as on 31.3.2001 in Banaskantha region in Gujarat. District wise details are as under

District	Waiting list
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Palanpur	13616
Patan	764

(b) The total number of telephone connections provided in the Banaskantha region during last three years is as under

Year	Telephone Connection Provided
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1998-99	9160
1999-2000	11787
2000-2001	15700

(c) It is planned to clear the waiting list, by expanding the existing exchanges as well as by opening new exchanges during 2001-2002.